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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 June 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peltzer (US 6,224,778). Note: this reference incorporated US 5,641,410 by reference at col. 1, lines 57-58. Regarding claims 1-7, Peltzer ('778) discloses an apparatus comprising a mixing tank (12/212) having a first pipe line (18/218 or a portion thereof), a measuring tank communicating with the first pipeline; a water supply unit having a second pipe line (16/216), wherein the water supply unit is communicated with the mixing tank via the second pipeline; a wastewater supply unit having a third pipeline (14/214), wherein the wastewater supply unit is communicated with the mixing tank via the third pipeline; a concentration detector (64/244) located in the measuring tank; a controller (32/232) connected electronically with the water supply unit, the waste water supply unit and the concentration detector respectively (see Figs. 1 and 2). It is not expressly stated that the controller includes a monitor; however, the explanation the controller involves a computer would have suggested this to one of ordinary skill in the art (see col. 6, lines 38-43). A pH detector (84) is located in the measuring tank. A fourth pipe line (242) is disclosed. A stirrer is not expressly disclosed, but, as explained in the abstract, the purpose of the device is to achieve mixing, so it would have been

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obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have provided a stirrer to improve mixing. Valves (20,22,24 / 250) are disclosed, all of which are electronically connected to the control (see Figs. 1 and 2). Regarding claims 8-11, Peltzer ('778) discloses a method of measuring waste water concentration (see col. 1, lines 40-46) for determining a discharge rate of wastewater for a waterwater collecting tank, the method comprising steps of, taking a certain amount of the waste water from a wastewater collecting tack to be diluted with a certain amount of water so as to obtain a first mixture (see col. 6, lines 1-6) measuring the concentration of the first mixture by using a concentration detector (64/244), for calculating a real concentration of the wastewater in the waste water collecting tank and the determining a discharge rater of the wastewater from the wastewater collecting tank (see col. 1, lines 40-46). Measuring pH and adjusting to a pH of 7-7.5 are disclosed (see col. 5, lines 57-67 and col. 7, lines 37-48).

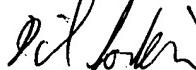
Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David L. Sorkin whose telephone number is 571-272-1148. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 -5:30 Mon.-Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda L. Walker can be reached on 571-272-1151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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